

# Faith Community

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## Pastor's Notes

by Pastor Dan Hansen



*Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."*

*-John 6:68*

### 1) On our vision for discipleship & education...

As you know, one of our "core values" here at Faith Community is to be a "Bible-centered" church. I suspect that a "life-long Lutheran," visiting our church for the first time, might notice the Biblical emphasis here as worshipers turn to their Bibles (What a concept, huh!) for the lessons and sermons. Additionally, if you check out our church website, and click on "Small Groups" from our Main Menu, you'll notice over 25 opportunities for Bible Study EACH WEEK. If someone were to ask me the "secret" of FCLC's vitality and growth, I'd be very tempted to say that this Biblical emphasis is a big part of our story. Would you agree? After all, Simon Peter's proclamation is our proclamation as well; *"You have the words of eternal life!"*

### 2) On our vision for worship...

It's been a strong summer and our average weekly attendance continues to be over 500. Many thanks to our worship teams for serving so generously! Once again, it seemed to work well for each of our teams to carry over their music from month to month, and it also seemed to work well to have the same liturgy for both Sunday services--which was easier for laying out our bulletins. I'm particularly pleased with how well our "blended worship" is going. For example, this past Sunday, I'd be tempted to say that "Just as I Am" was one of the strongest songs of the morning--yet moments later as we ended the service with "Traveling On," some were moved to clap along with the song. Psalm 105:4 says; *"praise Him with tambourine and dancing, praise Him with the string and flute, praise Him with the clash of cymbals...Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."* Indeed, out of the corner of my eye recently I spotted a little girl "dancing" in the front row as we sang our closing song. What marvelous illustration of the joy of worship!



As Diane notes in this newsletter, a worship survey will be coming out soon so that we can continue to serve your worship needs. We realize that you'll probably find some songs more meaningful than others, but hopefully each worship service has a little something for everyone. Sometimes a song may not inspire us personally that much, but if it touches the heart of our neighbor, then heaven rejoices! Just as our church has been blessed with all kinds of new growth, so too our worship and music repertoire is growing! Interestingly, we're noticing that with the growing popularity of Christian radio (see our bulletin!), many of you are familiar with our new songs before we've even introduced them!

### 3) On our Saturday service...

We continue to average about 60-90 at our worship on Saturday evenings and we thank you for remembering this worship option as best fits your schedules. We anticipate that as we grow, we may eventually need to staff the nursery, but in the meantime we plan to simply have the nursery open and available for any families that might have need. When possible, we may invite some of our youth attending on Saturdays to be ready to offer assistance in the nursery if we see a possible opportunity.

### 4) On our stewardship...Can you help? Although offerings have been 96% of budget (which is GREAT for August... thanks be to God!), nevertheless we have an ambitious goal of trying to pay off our new education expansion by the end of 2007 (which is when our 3-year pledges end). Please prayerfully consider a response in proportion to how you've been blessed. As a church, God has shown us so many times that *"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."*

### 5) On our worship prayers in worship...

Thanks for your prayers! I know that there is nothing wrong with praying silently, but a special word of encouragement to all of you—*especially our staff, council, ministry committees and Sunday School teachers*—please remember to faithfully lift up your ministries and concerns as a part of our worship services. It may very well be that our prayer time says more about us as a congregation than our music, or our preaching, or our teaching; so let's let our light shine!

### 6) On family transitions...

There are lots of change at our house this fall as Steve & Tom both start college; Tom at UNC in Greeley and Steve (living in Loveland) at Aims Community College. Although they'll both be pretty close, nevertheless, we'll miss their energy and enthusiasm around the house. But as a point of perspective, I keep saying; "Saying goodbye to the twins has got to be easier than fighting cancer!" Indeed, it was right after Labor Day last year that we received Cindy's breast cancer diagnosis. Thankfully both the chemo and radiation treatments are done so that we anticipate this will be a year of feeling better and getting stronger. Again, we can't thank you enough for all the prayers and support!

### 7) On our fall schedule...

You'll notice that we're now observing a lunch hour so that our office hours are 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:30, M--F. Just a friendly FYI...since I'm working a lot of evenings (and weekends...ha!) I'll often extend my "lunch time" a bit to exercise and run errands. Lot's of planning has been happening for our fall Sunday school and confirmation and choir and worship teams and Wednesday Night Live as we look forward to our FIRST FALL in our expanded education wing. We hope you can join us and that you'll invite your friends!

Your partner in ministry,  
Pastor Dan

## Building Services Coffee Break & Work Session

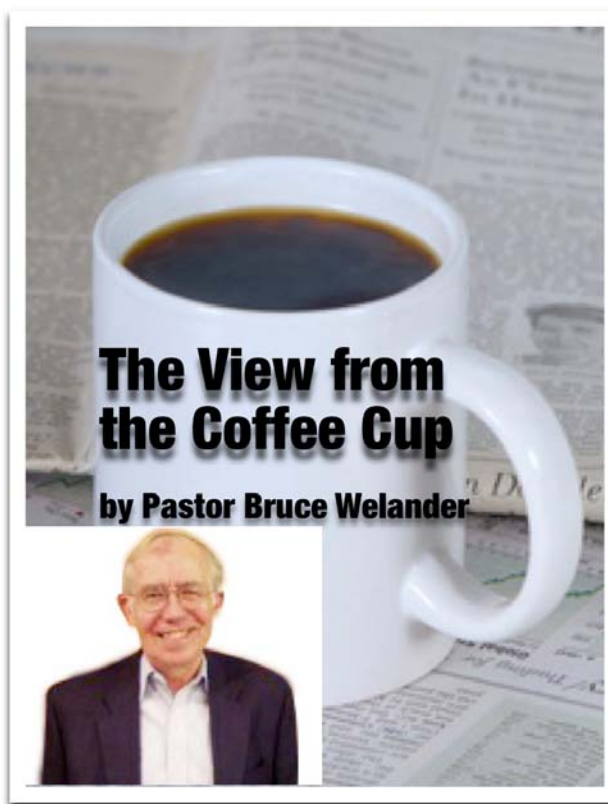


Are you a fix-it kind of guy? A retired carpenter or handyman or a woodworker? Join Bob Thoman every Thursday at 9:30 am for coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

And yes, we have a project!! We will be enclosing the old picnic shelter and transforming it into a garage for the van and some storage space. Questions?

Call Bob Thoman at 303-772-0039.





Recently, in a church newsletter, I saw a cartoon that pictured an attendance board in a church. On the board, the figures for the previous Sunday's attendance were as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL	95
WORSHIP SERVICE	145
COFFEE HOUR	215

Among other things, that can remind us that Sunday morning at church is meant to be a three-part event. Primary, of course, is the worship of God, the lifting of our praise together with all of the People of God in a particular place. Then there is the all-important time of fellowship over the almost-all-important cup of coffee, as we touch base and support each other one-to-one or in a small cluster. Thirdly (and listed on top in that attendance board), it is very important that we consider being part of a Sunday School class, determined by age or interest, to probe in greater depth God's word and will for us.

I am writing today especially about the third of those three Sunday segments, and particularly as it applies to adults. I am very glad that at Faith Community we have a *variety* of Sunday morning learning possibilities for adults, and I strongly encourage you to find one that best fits your sense of where God is calling you to grow at this point in your life.

On the remainder of this page, let me tell you about the opportunity for learning that I am most familiar with – namely, the class that I myself plan to teach, beginning on September 10th. (By the way, as I wrote these words just now, I looked at my pocket schedule book to verify that date. I have exactly one entry in my book for Sunday, September 10. It says: "11:00 – Denver at St. Louis." Please forget that. Or else keep this in mind: If you worship on Saturday night or at 8:15, you'll have plenty of time after Sunday school to get home for the opening kickoff. If you go to the 11:00 service, as I of course do, then you can look forward to getting home in time for a second half that's twice as exciting as the first. Besides, as I recall, the only Bronco game at 11:00 all year is on September 10<sup>th</sup>; all others are later in the day.

Anyway, to get back to the subject at hand... in Sunday school this year I will be teaching a twenty-week course on the history of the Christian Church, seen as the leading of the Holy Spirit. I wrote this course on a sabbatical in 1990, and, as I have taught it elsewhere two or three times, I have discovered that there is a great deal of interest in this subject.

This summer's experience of *The Da Vinci Code* further convinces me that church history is quite relevant– and perhaps essential–in the perennial challenge of being a Christian in any age of history. Almost every major theological issue in Dan Brown's book is dealt with in this course. Just some samples of what will be included: the divinity of Christ (particularly when and how people recognized this), how the Scriptures were put together, the "Gnostic Gospels," the role of Constantine, and what the church was like before coffee.

I think we'll find that this excursion through the history of Christianity will help to fortify our faith, increase our understanding, and call and equip us to be better disciples of Jesus in our time and place. I'd be happy to see you each Sunday at 9:45 in the Sunrise Room, starting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

In Christ,  
Pastor Bruce Welander





# FCLC Christian Education

## 10,000 Step-A-Day: Walking Program begins September 10! Register your team today!

Beginning September 10, and continuing for 10 weeks, the Health and Wellness Committee will be sponsoring a 10,000 Steps-A-Day Team Walking Challenge. So, find 4-7 friends to be your teammates AND pick up an information packet on the bulletin board across the hall from the church office. Teams need to be registered prior to September 10!



## Confirmation Orientation for all middle school students AND parents!

**Wednesday, September 6, 6-7:15 pm.**

Acolyte sign-up will also take place that evening.

## Rally Sunday is coming! September 10, 9:45-10:45 am

**Hey Kids! Are you just "dye-ing" to find out what's happening on Rally Sunday, September 10?** Well, the Christian Education committee is just "dye-ing" to tell you about Joseph of the Old Testament and his multi-colored coat! Dye-ing larger-than-life pillows for the Center Stage Drama Room and playing a "Larger-than-Life of Joseph" board game (Just wait until you see the size of those die!!) will be exciting ways to jump into our Fall Sunday School program. (No need to dress up in fancy clothes that day!)



Hey Adults! Three options of Adult Bible Classes offered just for you beginning on Rally Sunday and continuing through Fall!

Option #1:

### The History of the Church as the Work of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Bruce leads this twenty-week course in the history of the Christian Church, with an emphasis on the leading of the Holy Spirit in ongoing challenges that are still of vital importance to Christians today.



Option #2:

### A Study of Moses and the Exodus at FCLC: "God's Calling of a Leader and His Providential Care for His People"

Look into the life of Moses with specific applications for all of us. The study will consist of reading from Scripture, sharing in our response to the message, and applying both Old Testament and New Testament lessons in our lives. The class will be structured with prepared passages and questions, yet allowing for informal perspective within the class. John Benson will lead and facilitate the discussion for experienced Bible "travelers" or first time "wanderers". The main resource will be the Book of Exodus, with references to Genesis, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and New Testament passages.

Option #3: **Digging Deeper with Pastor Dan**

Dig deeper with Pastor Dan into the Bible texts of the day. Enjoy the big Bible discussion with a small group dynamic.

## More Christian Education Opportunities beginning in the month of September. . .

### Elijah: Obedience in a Threatening World

On September 6, 9:30 am, the Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study will begin this study about one of the most important prophets in history—who was outnumbered, misunderstood, insecure, often fearful and yet, he found power in obedience and prayer. Discover how you can follow God, when the world seems to be out of control. Contact Nanette to purchase a study guide. Cost is \$5.

### Running the Rapids: Guiding teenagers through the turbulent waters of adolescence

The P.O.T.S. (Parents Of TeenS) Bible Study will begin this new curriculum written by Dr. Kevin Leman on Sunday, September 10, 6-7:30 pm. Learn how to better understand and deal with your teens while "running the rapids". Discover more about your teen "rider", the risks, the relationship and the reality of living with a teenager in your home. To purchase a workbook, contact Nanette, cost is \$7.

### I Love You More

The Great Dates Couples Bible Study will begin this new marriage curriculum on Sunday, September 17, 6-7:30 pm. Discover strategies for handling struggles as they arise and turn struggles into a deeper love between a husband and wife. . . compelling a couple to say, "I love you more!". To purchase His and Her workbooks, contact Nanette; cost is \$7.

## Christian Education Dates to Remember

September 2	8:30 am (every Sat. morning)	Fitball Bible Study
September 6	9:30-11 am	Women's Bible Study begins <i>Elijah. . .a Threatening World</i>
September 6	6:00-7:15 pm	Confirmation Orientation for parents and middle-schoolers
September 10	8:15 am worship service	INSTALLATION OF ALL CHRISTIAN ED. VOLUNTEERS
September 10	9:45-10:45 am	<b>Rally Sunday!</b>
September 10	6:00-7:30 pm	P.O.T.S. (Parents Of TeenS) Bible Study
September 13	6:00-7:15 pm	Confirmation Classes and Wednesday Night Live begin
September 17	6:00-7:30 pm	Great Dates Bible Study
September 25	7:00-8:30 pm	Weavers of the Cloth
October 14	9:00-11:30 am	Women's Creativity Workshop

(Check the bulletin for more details!)

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

**Director of Christian Education:** Nanette Goings (303-772-6269)

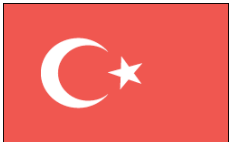
**Education Chair:** Rhea Hoops (303-772-2457)



**Buy your GROCERY CERTIFICATES in September and support Christian Education!**

**For every \$10 in grocery certificates purchased, you will receive a BIBLE BUCK!** No kids to share your bucks? We're sure you can find a child who would LOVE some additional Bible Bucks. . .then again, no one ever said shopping at the Bible Bucks store is just for kids! Next BIBLE BUCKS STORE: September 10, 10:30-11 am, room 102.

## Turkey Anyone?



Plans for a long-awaited trip to the country of Turkey will soon be taking shape once again. A number of members and friends of Faith Community have already expressed interest in the two-week trip to that fascinating land, next April after

Easter, most likely April 14-29. Doug Johnson, who lived there for several years, will be one of our leaders, and Pastor Bruce will provide commentary on Biblical and church history as we visit key sites in the life of St. Paul and in the Book of Revelation, as well as in the history of the Christian church. Pastor Dan and Cindy are planning to attend as well.



If you are interested, please be sure that one of the pastors knows about this, because the sign-up deadline for this trip will be the end of November. Interested, but not sure? Watch for an announcement of an open informational meeting to be held in the next few weeks, in which, among other things, Pastor Bruce will show his slide-and-sound series on Turkey and explain just where we'll be headed in 2007. Don't miss this opportunity for great travel with members and friends of our church.

# All about Administration

from Susan Moller  
Director of Business Administration

## About.....Fall Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee has been busy preparing for the Fall Stewardship program. You will be receiving information at the end of September, so keep an eye out for it. It is so exciting to see how God continuously blesses our congregation financially!

### Stewardship

*"There are two ways in which a Christian may view money: "How much of my money shall I use for God? How much of God's money shall I use for myself?" -- W. Graham Scroggie*



## About.....Our Building Loans

Many of you may want to know about our current building loans, so the following is information for each of them.

### New Sanctuary Mortgage Loan

- Includes rolling over our first loan when the fellowship hall was built
- Monthly payments are budgeted for in our general operating budget

Lender: Thrivent Financial

Origination date: August 14, 2003

Term: 20 years

Interest rate: 6%

Original loan amount: \$990,000

Monthly payment: \$7,093

**Current** principal balance: \$907,411

### New Education Wing Loan

- Monthly payments are paid from your building pledges (2006 building giving is \$95,251 through 8/8/06). The \$95,251 pledge money has been used to pay off \$39,000 of principal (see thermometer below) on the Education Wing Loan, final bills for the Education Wing that were not financed via the loan, and interest on the Education Wing Loan.
- Our **goal** is to have this note paid off by the end of 2007 with additional principal payments (we made a payment in June for \$10,000).

Origination date: March 19, 2006

Term: 5 years

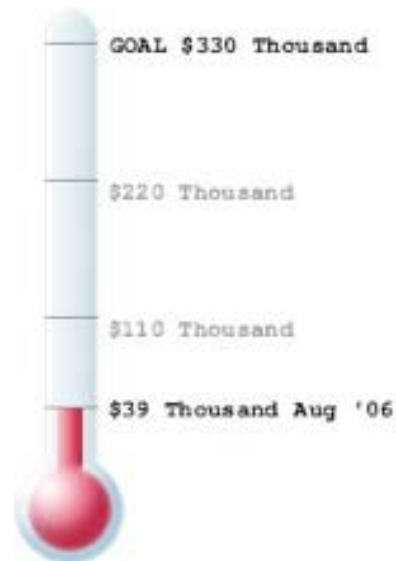
Interest rate: 4.35%

Original loan amount: \$330,573

Current monthly payment: \$5,942

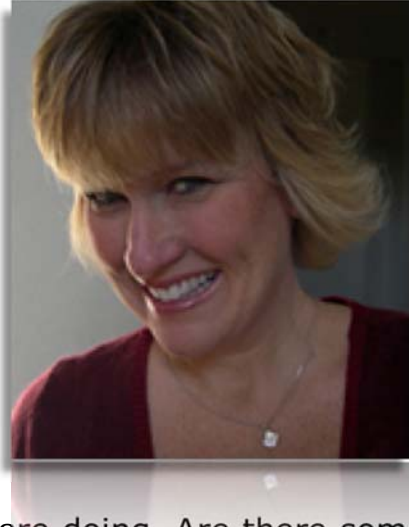
**Current** principal balance: \$290,974

Blessings,  
Susan





## Worship Team Corner!



**by His mark** will be performing at our Progressive Dinner Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:15pm. Come join us in Fellowship Hall for this wonderful toe-tapping group made up from members Faith Community!

**Music survey.** Many Times on a Sunday morning folks will come up to us and say "We appreciate the music selections so much today in worship." We thank you for your feedback. In striving to bring you the selections of music that touch both touch your heart and keep in our "Blended Concept" we are asking that you take a few moments and fill out a questionnaire that will be in the bulletins on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Let us know how you think we

are doing. Are there some musical selections that you would like the congregation to sing this next year? If so, let us know. How about a song that you haven't heard in a while that you are wishing we would sing. All these things will be helpful in selecting music. There will be a box in the narthex where you can deposit these surveys. Many thanks in advance for your input!

***Worship Team Concert Night** has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Come join us as we have a sing-a-long of your favorite worship songs, as well as listen to your Worship teams perform some of their favorites! The Concert/sing-a-long will last an hour and then we will adjourn to the courtyard for a BBQ hosted by Wayne Hubert and friends! In order to plan accordingly for food, we are asking that you sign up out in the narthex beginning Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>. You won't want to miss this!*

**Many thanks to all who sang or played instruments at Special Music times this summer. Your gift of music was deeply appreciated by all!**

Wendy Kerr  
All Worship Teams  
Ron and Donna Wormke  
Kirsten and Elizabeth Simpson  
Women of Faith Team  
Men's Chorus  
Tommy Peeples  
Dave Enders  
Kayla Vece  
Elizabeth Simpson and Dave Enders  
Tommy and Andrew Peeples  
LOF Youth

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

August 27<sup>th</sup> was the deadline to sign up for the Progressive Dinner... HOWEVER, if you have been out of town and are just seeing this now and would like to participate, we have ordered a few extra dinners for the evening. Here is the scoop:

When: Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

Time: 4 pm

Cost: \$8.00 for a single \$14.00 for a couple

Main Course: Crusted Pecan Chicken or Meat Free Calzones

Those signing up should contact Diane Sell via email [diane@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:diane@faithcommunitylutheran.org) or by phone 303-489-2923, by Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>. You will be added to the list and placed at homes for both appetizer's and main course.

Dessert and entertainment (Bluegrass Group: "By His Mark") will begin at 7 pm at church in the Fellowship Hall.

This always proves to be a wonderful evening of food and fellowship AND a super way to get to know more members from FCLC!! Won't you join us?

**Wednesday Night Live** is scheduled to begin September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This is for ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will meet in the lower Sunset Room for our evenings of Adventure, Fun and learning! If you are a parent of this age group and are willing to help us out, please contact Diane Sell at the church or via email [diane@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:diane@faithcommunitylutheran.org). She would WELCOME your help and find something exciting for you to do! *As it stands, we are low on help in this area and are in need of parents who would love to spend an hour with this energetic group of super kids and work long side with Diane Sell!*

**We are very excited to share that this year the WNL drama** will be "**The Tale of the Three Trees**" created by Dave Clark and Jayme Thompson. This tale brings to life the traditional story of some trees with a dream and God with a plan. This 35-minute musical follows the adventures of Anna-belle, who dreams of holding great treasure, Bud who longs to become a mighty ship, and Gabrielle, who just wants to stay in the forest and point people toward God. Through the eyes of Woody the woodcutter, Stump, who is rooted in puns and Woods Worth, the tree of knowledge, we are reminded that even when we can't see the forest for the trees, there is no prayer that is too small for God.

Production of this musical will be January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>! There is room for **many** parts for **many** children grades K-5<sup>th</sup>! We will begin rehearsals for this mid-October. If you are interested in helping out with this production, please contact Diane Sell at the church. We will be in need of sound techs, lighting techs, wardrobe people, set design, props, "crowd control" techs, small group leaders to run lines and so on!!!



### The Ovation guitar is still missing.

Doug Knutson gave his Ovation guitar to FCLC so that anyone who wanted to learn how to play could borrow it. It was loaned out and returned in December 2000; then loaned out again in early 2001... that's when we lost track of it. Please search in the back areas of your closets or in the basement or in the garage. The Ovation guitar has a rounded plastic back. Just bring it to the church... no questions asked.

Nick Knutson is anxious to start taking guitar lessons. It would be great to have his dad's guitar to use for his lessons.

**Thank you!!!**



**If you're WACKY, we want you!**

**If you're WACKY, we're for you!**

**If you're WACKY, we welcome you!**

We are organizing an "adults without kids in the home" group. And we are calling this group:  
**W.A.C.K.Y. (Without Any Children Kids or Youth)**

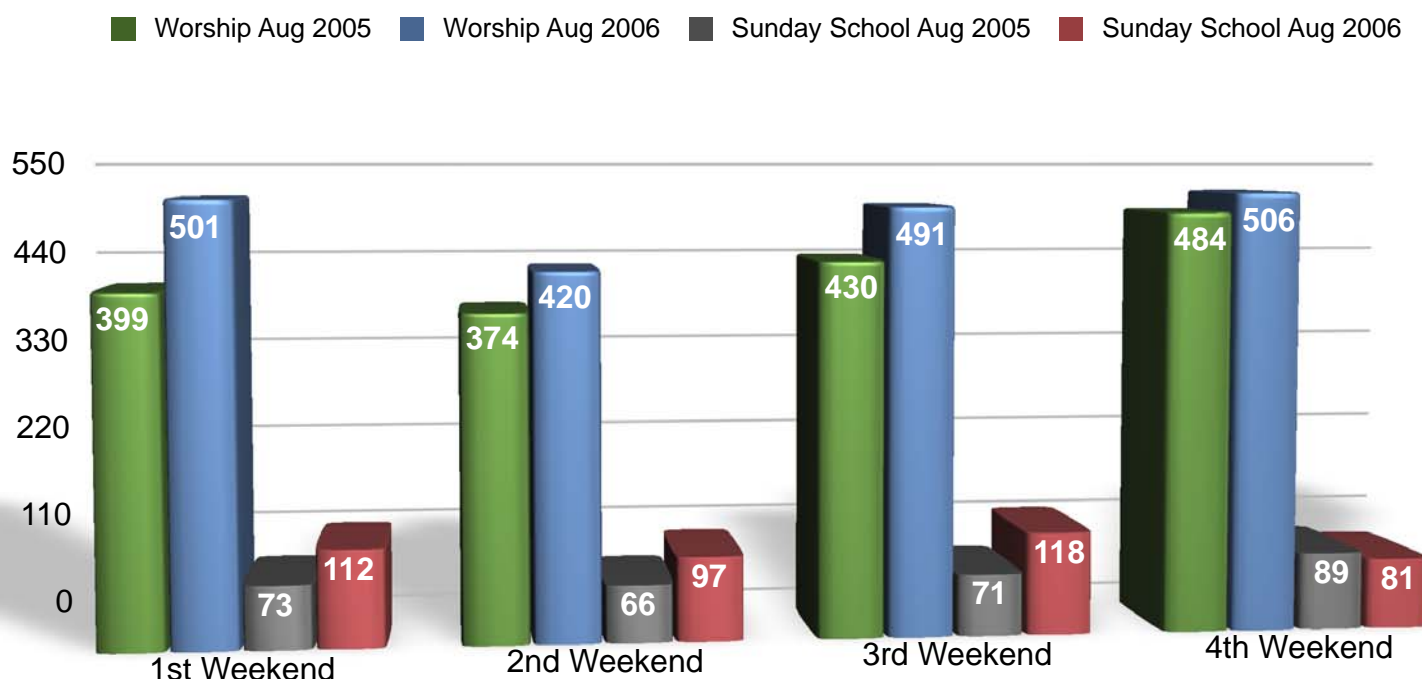
Dave Koehler has presented a vision for FCLC members who do not have children at home. FCLC already has activities for the kids, youth, parents of teens (P.O.T.s), and other small groups. We are presenting this opportunity to help you get acquainted with couples and/or all singles, who are empty nesters or who have never had children in the home.

A committee of 12 people has met and brainstormed numerous ideas and activities. We discovered that few activities are planned for Friday nights at FCLC; hence the reason for choosing Fridays for this group.

Our first gathering will be a potluck /mixer on Friday night, September 15, 2006, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at church. The WACKY Committee (the startup group) will provide the main course. We are asking you to sign up for potatoes, vegetables, salads, desserts. Coffee (regular & decaf) and decaf iced tea will be provided. A sign-up poster is in the Narthex for your convenience; a committee member will be available to answer your questions.

We have a list of suggested activities, one-time events, recurring events, or annual events. We know you will have ideas, too. Come out, get acquainted, and discover what this group is about. Our October event will be our own Oktoberfest at the Danos home.

## Growing at FCLC - Worship & Sunday School Attendance



**“What’s on tap?”**

**Thoughts poured from the spout of Kristen Baltrum, Deaconess**



I spent a few days at Water World during the summer and couldn’t help but notice the “beauty” that surrounded me as hard-body after hard-body passed me by in line after line. No doubt, there are a lot of truly beautiful people out there, by society’s standards. There is absolutely nothing wrong with being beautiful on the outside. But the outside of our bodies is not the whole of who we are. As I stood in line I wondered how many people of those that surrounded me even considered themselves to be “beautiful.” I wonder what standards they use to measure themselves. Then I got an inside peak from one of FCLC’s young people, Sarah Droege. This is what she had to say for one of her college scholarship essays:

*Stately, she is graying from gold. She says, “Sarah, you are beautiful from the **inside** out.” But Mom, no one can **see** what’s not on the surface.*

*Sometimes they only wear purple, with gaudy, day-glow necklaces. Occasionally one will eat play-dough or forget her teeth. Socially speaking, the fashions include clip-on earrings, Wednesday bingo, and garden parties. Over tea I have been immersed in tales of dancing horses and scarlet fever; volunteering at the Homestead, a local adult day-care program, has granted me terrific insight. These women have lost friends, jobs, lovers, homes, husbands, children, and at 95 years of age some walk without canes. They inspire grace and compassion and living.*

*I peeled the matted sweater from the floor. Its fibers had divided and spun themselves into the pulp of sweaty drywall and fiberglass. Cradling the mass, I lifted my boots past walls striped in delicate mold. This home was in Chalmette, a Parrish of New Orleans that received fifteen feet of flood water during hurricane Katrina. My Dad and I were fortunate enough to participate in relief efforts over Thanksgiving break. Our week spent in Louisiana was challenging, terrifying, and inconceivably unforgettable.*

*In the photograph she lies, swaddled in my arms; I am five and she is still wrinkled. My smile conveys absolute pride and a maturity beyond trivial excitement. It was definite that although I would be many things in my life, I would forever be a sister. Now, at twelve years old, Lindsay symbolizes flawless innocence and bestows unwarranted compassion. She is beautiful, strong, and I am here to protect, advise, and support her. Currently we are conquering boys, bras, and disposable razors, and being her sister is my greatest achievement.*

*I think I get it now. Thanks, Mom.*

It is beautiful to me when young people see themselves through the eyes of those that love them, and can love themselves more completely for it. It is beautiful to me when young people and not so young people can not only look in the mirror and see beauty, but look into the eyes of someone who is not like themselves and see awesome beauty in that other person. It is beautiful to me when all of human kind can see themselves through the eyes of their Creator and remember what was said about them in Genesis: “God saw all that he had made, and it was *very* good....”

# Youth and Household Ministry News

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sept 2—CU football game and Workcampers will run a concession stand to raise money for Workcamp '07! Sign up with Tom Bilan ASAP if you want to participate.
- Sept 6—Confirmation starts! Yahooie! See the Education page for all the details.
- Sept 10 and weekly following—Sunday School! Be there. There might be donuts, there WILL be great times. 9:45 AM
- Sept 26—Sr. High Girls Coffee Talk @ Café Luna, 8:30-10:00 PM.

## TIME AGAIN FOR THE "SERIOUS" BIBLE STUDY!

Yes, it is possible to have fun Bible Study without games! It is about great conversation, excellent material (duh, the BIBLE) and faith journeys. If you are interested in participating in the "serious" Bible Study called DIVING DEEP, then contact Kris Baltrum and be on the team that decides what it is we will study! Every other week weekday studies are in the works!

## Youth Mission Ministry EXPLODES!!!

### SENIOR and MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP:

Yep, I know. The group just got back from Lead, SD and now they are already planning next year's trip! Well, that is the way these Workcampers are—PASSIONATE!!! Thanks, Sililo, for leading us on!

2007's camp will be in Roswell, NM June 16-23. This will be a Middle School and Sr. High event, so anyone 13 years-18 years (graduating in '07) is welcome to come!

If you have not signed up but would like to make sure you get on the list, call Sililo Woo Ching or Kris Baltrum ASAP!

### LEARN FROM THE MASTER!!!

If you are interested in learning how to lead a Workcamp experience from the master Workcamp coordinator, Sililo Woo Ching, call Kris Baltrum and have a conversation. Kris is currently scouting out folks to lead a Middle School Specific Workcamp experience in 2008, as well as a Young Adult Post-High experience in 2007 and 2008.

You need to be passionate about Christian mission, a good organizer, and have some experience leading group events.

### YOUNG ADULT TRIP? YES, YOU!!!

Calling all Young Adults! No really, calling all folks between the ages of 18 and 30! Yes, that would be all of you who are still in the "First Third" of life, as referred to by Youth Ministry Experts. Yes, this means you are still a YOUTH.

Are you ready for an in-depth mission experience that is geared toward your mature mind and creative sense of adventure? Then call Kris Baltrum to talk about the first Young Adult Mission Trip, hopefully to occur in summer of 2007. All ideas are welcome!!!

## Mentors Needed to Connect with Mentees

The Mentor Program at FCLC is growing. We'd like for you to prayerfully consider becoming a Mentor for one of our interesting High School kids. The rewards are fabulous, albeit non-monetary. We aren't looking for perfect people, just caring adults that love God and like kids! Does this sound like you?

### Details:

We are looking for adults to mentor kids in grades 9 through 12. There is a selection/matching process that includes a background check. The commitment is for one

year. We ask each pair to:

- Pray for each other daily.
- Speak/e-mail/text (at least) weekly.
- Go on an outing once per month.
- Meet with other mentors each quarter.
- Participate in the FUN activities that we have planned for the group.

If you are interested and would like more information, contact Terry Schemmel using one of the pathways listed below. If you are interested, but not sure, call Terry and see what it is all about. If you

are mildly interested, but don't really know if you can make the time commitment, call Terry and talk to him about it. There are lots of reasons to say no, but there are not a lot of opportunities like this to have a small part in building the Kingdom.

- Terry Schemmel  
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**"I CAN FACE THE WAVES BECAUSE I TRUST THE ONE WHO MADE THE OCEAN." -UNKNOWN**

# September Fellowship "Happenings"

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS WILL BE THERE FOR YOU!!!

Running late for confirmation or WNL and don't know what you're going to eat? Well, relax a little and join your Faith friends for dinner prior to the Wednesday evening activities at church. Two families get together to prepare and serve a meal to the other families 2-3 times throughout the year and the rest of the evenings you're free (plates, napkins, utensils, cups & lemonade are provided by Fellowship). Wednesday Night Dinners are served from 5:30-6pm and begin on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Sign up during confirmation orientation or on the bulletin board next to the coffee bar to prepare dinner for your Faith families.**

*Please call Kaydene Hubert (303.651.9479) or Shannon Holstine (303.682.1182) if you have any questions about the Wednesday Night Dinners.*

## BON APPÉTIT DINNER GROUPS ARE FORMING NOW

### *Bon Appétit Dinner Group Sign-Up Sheet*

Your FCLC Fellowship Committee invites you to join **Bon Appétit**. This is a great way to get to know other church members and make lasting friendships. **Bon Appétit** is open to singles and couples. The groups can meet in member's homes or at area restaurants; you can meet for breakfast, lunch or dinner; you can include children or not. You can decide as a group what will work best for you.

To join **Bon Appétit**, please fill out this questionnaire and place it in the purple Survey Box in the narthex or drop it by the church office.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

1. Were you in a 2005-2006 dinner group?    Yes    No
2. Do you want a new group or to remain with your current group? (Circle one)
3. If there is a person/couple that you would like to have in your **Bon Appétit** dinner group, please list their name(s): \_\_\_\_\_
4. If you would like your group to be based on family or age dynamics, please indicate your preference or circle "ANY" if you have no preference:  
 Group Age Type:    ANY    20-40's    40-50's    50's-60's    60 & Up  
 Family Type:    ANY    No Kids    Pre/Elem.    M.S/H.S.    Empty Nesters
5. How large of a group are you comfortable meeting with?    6-8    8-10    10-12
6. Are you interested in a group where the monthly host family will invite an additional couple to dinner (an FCLC family, friends interested in FCLC, friends not attending church)?    Yes    No

New groups are being formed for the 2006-2007 session, so sign up today and enjoy the fun. Fill out the sign-up sheet and place it in the purple survey box in the narthex or drop it by the church office. Already involved? Remember to re-register to keep your current group and/or to be placed in with a new group. Don't miss out!!!

Please call Shannon Holstine 303-682-1182 or Kaydene Hubert 303-651-9479 if you have any questions about the Bon Appétit groups.



# geeks@FaithCommunityLutheran.org



Have you wondered what this email address is? It is the email address for the FCLC computer techs. These folks volunteer their time to maintain the desktop and laptop computers at our church, as well as the server, the wireless internet, and the telephones.

Not everyone has the same credentials, but, among the group, these areas receive attention:

- ▣ Wiring for computers and telephones;
- ▣ Troubleshooting systems and email issues;
- ▣ Backups on the server;
- ▣ The FCLC website;
- ▣ Networking;
- ▣ Software applications;
- ▣ Linux, Windows NT and Windows XP operating systems;
- ▣ Applications that run on the operating systems, i.e., Microsoft Office, internet security, and Church Windows.



We invite you to join us at church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7:00-9:00 pm for our work session. If you wonder how you can serve your church, this is a once-a-month commitment. We do have fun, too. Yes, we do have a place for you!!

Contact Harlan Olson with any questions and/or comments:

[holson@oldspooksandspies.org](mailto:holson@oldspooksandspies.org) (preferred)

Home phone: 303-776-2314

To subscribe to the Geeks email list, go to:

[http://faithcommunitylutheran.org/mailman/listinfo/geeks\\_faithcommunitylutheran.org](http://faithcommunitylutheran.org/mailman/listinfo/geeks_faithcommunitylutheran.org)

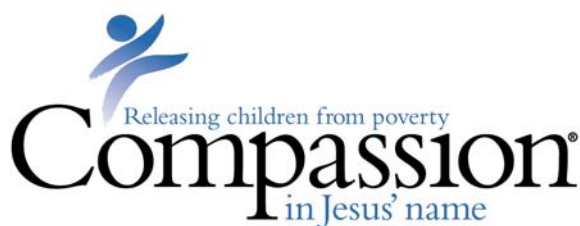
I look forward to meeting you on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, at 7 pm. We meet in the Staff Office, discuss the work we need to do, and proceed from there.

In His service,

Harlan Olson,  
Geeks Chair



## A Night of Compassion International Worship & Fellowship



Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, LeMay and Harmony intersection, Fort Collins, Colorado, invites you to a Compassion Worship & Fellowship on Saturday, September 23. The evening service will start at 7:00 pm.

**Why?** God intends for us to experience life together. The Bible calls on us to share our life experiences with and support other Christians. Therefore we want to ensure that Compassion Children sponsors

are supported by others. And we wish to share our experiences and letters from our Compassion Children with others. [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com)

**Why Worship?** According to St. Paul, everything we do should be for God's glory (1 Corinthians 10:31). You worship God with your letters to your Compassion Child. You worship God with your prayers to a Compassion Child. You worship God when you share your experiences with others. Matthew 25 and the book of Acts remind us that when we offer and extend compassion to the poor and children, we worship God.

**Who Can Come?** We are inviting all interested in learning how they can change the life of one child through Compassion International. Sponsors from other churches will be joining us in worship and fellowship. We will have sponsorship packets for Compassion Children who need loving support from caring families.

Please join us on Saturday, September 23 for an evening of compassion, worship and fellowship. Please bring a snack to share with others after worship.

If you have comments or questions, please contact Janelle Olson, 303-776-8771 or 303-776-2314; via email [Janelle@faithcommunitylutheran.org](mailto:Janelle@faithcommunitylutheran.org)

# Outreach News

FCLC Outreach has partnered with Grace Lutheran Church in New Orleans to help provide support from Hurricane Katrina. Grace-NOLA's congregation started meeting in 1897 and its pre-Katrina attendance was ~150 people. Hurricane Katrina hit the church pretty hard with over 7 feet of putrid water flooding the building for 2-3 weeks. With all the donations and the many volunteer hours, the church is in the process of rebuilding and has just recently had its A/C replenished. Through all of this, they continue to hold Sunday morning services but have many challenges ahead of them. More information on the church and its progress can be found at <http://www.gracenola.com>



Grace Lutheran Church  
New Orleans, LA

Are you interested in being a part of a work crew to head down to New Orleans? In an effort to support Grace Lutheran Church, there is much need for people to help setup their computer systems as well as helping with their building renovations. If you're interested in this project, please contact Tami Musfeldt at 303.494.4036 (or [tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net))



Donations for the O.U.R. Center are being collected in the grocery cart in the Narthex. **September focus is baby products (diapers, formula, etc)**. Thank you for your continuous support!

We need your old coats! Last year we collected more than 120 coats. What better time to clean out your closets, right? Please bring your used coats and hang them in the coat racks across from the mailboxes by **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. All donated coats will be delivered to the O.U.R. Center clothing bank.

FCLC has been supporting Dale and Leanne Barkley with Wycliffe Bible Translators as missionaries in Teita, Mexico. **Mark your calendars to learn more about them as they will be visiting FCLC on September 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Are you a Lutheran College graduate? FCLC Outreach would like to talk to you about your college memories and experiences. Please contact Marcie Mason at [mllmason@mindspring.com](mailto:mllmason@mindspring.com). Collected information will be used to help promote Lutheran Colleges during the month of October in preparation for the annual College tour by our high school students.

**FCLC Outreach will be serving lunch at the O.U.R. Center on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you're interested in helping with this project, please contact Tami Musfeldt at 303.494.4036 or [tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net).



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## Council Corner

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Our Council Members and Church Staff are always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our members. Your input is invaluable in aiding the leadership of Faith Community Lutheran in determining the direction we should go in fulfilling God's mission for us. We welcome you to take part and share your vision.

- Council minutes are public record and kept in the Church Office.
- Council meets the second Tuesday of every month. Meetings are open to the

### FCLC Staff:

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

## September 1

Torge Goderstad  
Chuck Cullian  
Kathy Griffiee

## September 2

Henry Dukart  
Connor Timms  
Alice Dailey

## September 3

Lanette Smallwood  
Wendy Fott

## September 4

Emily Johnson

## September 5

Caroline Demosthenes

## September 6

Bob Barton  
Keith Anderson

## September 8

Mark Praska  
Austin Jurgensmeyer  
Wyatt Prentice

## September 9

Jessica Foster  
Celine Cantu  
Erin Griffiee  
Cooper Rothe

## September 11

George Goble  
Logan Audley

## September 12

John Timms

## September 13

Harvey Jackson  
Kimberly Bonds  
Andrew Meier

## September 14

Bob Mueller  
Trevor Platt  
Emily Stamp

## September 17

Cheryl Johnson  
Erik Polsdofer



## September 18

George Lubovich  
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Connor Irely

## September 19

Ken Lowry  
Yvonne Alm  
Rebecca Lewus

## September 20

Mary Bauman  
Tyler Uhlry

## September 21

Brigitte Hennig  
Karsten Goderstad  
Anthony Endres  
Rachel Kramer

## September 22

Roy Ward  
Carol Marks  
Gail Cullian  
Christy Adams  
Annette Carlson

## September 23

Katherine Spencer-Inskeep  
Sarah Mallard

## September 24

Mike Gwinn  
Dave Droege  
Michelle Hansen

## September 25

Lisa Bleeker

## September 26

Audrey Audley  
Rachael Hassa

## September 27

Lois Ward  
Jill Krantz  
Jennifer Tatham  
Jasmine Lovell

## September 28

Cindy Bauman  
Harlan Lerum

## September 29

Ann Yost  
Mike Sloan

## September 31

Lois Giese  
Terri Cogdill



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## September 2

Harold & Ann Whitefoot  
Kirk & Pam Lind

## September 3

Bob & Nanette Goings

## September 6

& Nataly Schuppan

## September 8

Carl & Connie Backes

## September 9

Andy & Torey Taylor-Goldfarb  
Tim & Kari Uecker

## September 11

Curt & Lisa Lewis

## September 12

Leroy & Nadine Heidt  
Mike & Maria O'Brien

## September 13

Phil & Brenda Spreier

## September 16

Lee & Melanie Quaintance

## September 20

Ed & Ethel Owens  
Paul & Natalie James

## September 21

Jim & Liz Birdsall

## September 22

Roy & Lois Ward

## September 23

Mark & Joan Flowers

## September 25

Gabriel & Jamie Wallace-Vigil

## September 29

George & Christine Goble



## Mission Verse:

God's Spirit is on me:  
 He chose me to preach the  
 Message of Good News to the  
 poor, Sent me to announce  
 pardon of prisoners and  
 recovery of sight to the blind,  
 To set the burdened and  
 battered free, to announce,  
 "This is God's year to act!"  
*Luke 4:18-19*

## Our Vision:

In each of us burns a flame  
 so we gather in faith and  
 hope to reach out in love.



## Our Core Values:

To "Reach Out in Love"  
 as a church that is:

- \* Bible Centered
- \* Prayer Centered
- \* "Blended" Inspirational  
Worship
- \* Kid Friendly
- \* Visitor Friendly
- \* A Model of the Priesthood of  
Believers
- \* A Model of First Fruits Giving  
(to various outreach projects)

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